(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir. Under Swadhar Scheme, the Government has instructed that mentally challenged, the trafficked women and the HIV/AIDS victims may be segregated in separate enclosures which would not only lead to better management of the Swadhar Shelter Home but also help the management to take proper care of the mentally challenged and HIV/AIDS victims.

Making SSC exam optional

t2024. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from NCERT regarding making the examination of SSC optional;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government are considering to implement this proposal;

(c) whether Government are considering to make the existing examination for tenth class optional and make it mandatory for all States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

School drop-out rates

2025. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether school drop-out rate has considerably come down in Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh and different States and Union Territories during the last three years;

(b) if so, the comparative drop-out rates for boys and girls in different States and UTs during 2002-03,2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the special Central aid, if any, given to the different States to achieve this object?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) State/UT wise, gender-wise drop-out rates for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are at Statement I, II & III (See below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Grants released to States/UTs under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) which seeks Universalization of elementary education as well as universal retention by 2010, during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Amount released	1558.28	2693.38	5113.14

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Drop-out rates 2001-02

SI No.	States/UTS	CLASS I-V			CLASS I-VIII			CLASS I-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Andhra Pradesh	42.62	43.46	43.03	61.25	65.16	63.09	68.51	71.98	70.12
2	Arunachal Pradesh	49.46	50.16	49.77	63.00	57.42	60.62	75.13	77.27	76.04
3	Assam	46.63	51.18	48.64	67.54	71.27	69.21	75.54	75.70	75.61
4	Bihar	60.70	63.11	61.64	73.75	76.59	74.79	81.11	85.99	82.87
5	Chhattisgarh*									
6	Goa	3.48	8.12	5.73	-1.30	9.89	4.19	42.92	41.47	42.21
7	Gujarat	27.21	22.13	25.05	50.02	55.92	52.52	68.02	72.94	70.22
8	Haryana	30.49	30.53	30.51	8.21	17.13	12.35	29.86	42.85	35.94
9	Himachal Pradesh	15.22	18.17	16.68	20.50	23.40	21.90	30.76	32.91	31.80
10	Jammu & Kashmir	32.16	25.38	29.27	32.25	27.30	30.14	50.16	47.18	48.94
11	Jharkhand*									
12	Karnataka	23.86	23.87	23.87	50.80	51.20	50.99	60.19	63.24	61.65
13	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.67	12.47	16.64
14	Madhya Pradesh	29.24	29.96	29.55	46.22	55.32	50.11	64.98	76.34	69.88
15	Maharashtra	6.08	8.77	7.37	35.36	38.90	37.03	48.92	55.98	52.28
16	Manipur	27.67	26.37	27.06	38.73	36.61	37.75	54.56	53.16	53.90
17	Meghalaya	57.17	56.75	56.96	77.07	76.90	76.99	82.99	83.88	83.44
18	Mizoram	60.59	57.82	59.31	61.17	58.50	59.89	72.08	67.11	69.73
19	Nagaland	38.63	44.44	41.50	55.66	50.80	53.36	65.02	64.84	64.94
20	Orissa	38.91	40.08	39.38	61.53	59.55	60.74	73.35	72.60	73.05
21	Punjab	21.28	19.29	20.34	35.31	38.83	36.99	38.94	38.25	38.62

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
22	Rajasthan	55.48	73.50	63.20	46.83	64.62	53.56	72.58	80.44	75.36
23	Sikkim	61.89	61.64	61.76	67.72	58.51	63.41	88.88	87.83	88.39
24	Tamil Nadu	30.16	24.03	27.24	43.95	35.43	40.07	55.64	59.97	57.66
25	Tripura	50.14	50.95	50.53	68.84	69.23	69.02	76.32	77.62	76.92
26	Uttar Pradesh	45.82	54.99	49.40	55.89	66.81	60.11	53.40	69.40	58.98
27	Uttaranchal*									
28	West Bengal	39.40	40.41	39.86	67.65	74.38	70.87	77.04	80.46	78.52
29	A&N Islands	0;.00	0.00	0.00	26.97	26.99	26.98	55.92	53.74	54.87
30	Chandigarh	15.48	9.50	12.72	3.37	-6.62	-1.22	11.13	12.93	11.99
31	D&N Haveli	28.04	44.28	35.41	49.39	62.68	55.41	71.64	71.51	71.59
32	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.27	23.85	16.68	34.79	38.45	36.55
33	Delhi	26.95	28.40	27.67	9.98	22.87	16.29	38.33	46.48	42.38
34	Lakshadweep	11.42	23.62	17.23	22.11	24.85	23.42	57.01	50.86	54.18
35	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.60	3.27	2.92	26.31	24.13	25.26
	INDIA	38.36	39.88	39.03	52.91	56.92	54.65	64.16	68.59	66 04

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Drop-out Rates 2002-03

SI. Mo.	States/UTS	CLASS l-V			CLASS l-			CLASS l-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Grls	Total	Boys	Grls	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	41.66	41.76	41.71	58.10	6200	59.94	67.36	70.78	68.95
2	Arunachal Pradesh	38.42	37.37	37.94	59.50	56.13	58.01	70.17	73.59	71.66
.3	Assam	62.51	59.63	61.17	67.07	70.85	68.76	7428	75.65	74.91
4	Bihar	62.74	61.66	62.31	77.91	80.78	79.01	82.27	85.83	83.60
5	Chhattisgarh*									
6	Goa	0.08	5.45	2.69	2.28	9.01	5.54	40.18	39.14	39.68
7	Gujarat	26.02	23.14	24.77	43.09	48.76	4548	5921	67.13	62.82
8	Haryana	3.45	10.74	6.89	5.70	14.82	9.90	22.31	37.05	29.14
9	Himachal Pradesh	10.82	14.08	12.42	7.90	11.32	9.56	28.75	31.23	29.95
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3306	11.50	24.82	27.53	25.57	26.71	50.29	52.08	51.07
11	Jharkhand*									

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12	Karnataka	19.77	17.59	18.74	47.46	49.61	48.46	60.67	63.72	6214
13	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.78	8.88	1290
14	Madhya Pradesh	32.66	29.87	31.43	43.29	51.78	46.94	58.36	70.78	63.79
15	Maharashtra	14.40	16.80	15.55	29.51	35.98	3259	48.98	55.42	5205
16	Manipur	25.92	25.24	25.60	35.43	30.08	3293	61.92	59.01	60.54
17	Meghalaya	58.19	54.81	56.51	73.13	70.21	71.67	81.40	80.45	80.93
18	Mizoram	56.25	56.;52	56.38	60.05	56.39	58.31	77.11	74.11	75.68
19	Nagaland	49.16	54.49	51.80	53.79	52.93	53.38	77.08	77.90	77.47
20	Orissa	50.40	40.05	46.13	63.97	58.39	61.73	71.04	7256	71.74
21	Punjab	26.37	24.07	25.29	33.71	31.67	3275	48.81	47.10	48.01
22	Rajasthan	54.81	59.86	56.93	62.74	7244	66.60	7266	81.16	75.77
23	Sikkim	54.74	49.29	52.06	72.68	66.32	69.66	76.85	73.07	75.12
24	Tamil Nadu	14.56	16.22	15.37	46.06	39.00	5285	47.31	46.26	46.80
25	Tripura	43.28	42.62	42.97	65.17	65.22	65.19	74.24	74.29	74.27
26	Uttar Pradesh	24.19	22.75	23.55	47.53	4246	45.57	43.05	51.47	46.31
27	Uttaranchal*									
28	West Bengal	37.39	35.32	36.41	67.26	69.30	68.23	77.08	80.61	78.74
29	A&N Islands	0.73	4.00	2.31	17.64	19.26	18.42	51.44	51.24	51.35
30	Chandigarh	32.32	28.05	30.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.28	20.29	21.90
31	D&N Haveli	16.99	33.96	24.82	39.87	58.14	48.00	7269	71.86	7234
32	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.57	20.44	14.83	43.81	46.93	45.24
33	Delhi	6.72	17.64	1213	19.46	27.75	23.57	44.88	49.59	47.19
34	Lakshadweep	0.00	6.06	3.03	0.00	8.36	4.48	25.51	2263	24.13
35	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	.0.00	0.00	0.00	2297	20.32	21.69
	INDIA	35.85	33.72	34.89	52.28	53.45	52.79	60.72	64.97	62.58

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Drop-out Rates 2003-04

SI. No.	States/UTS	CLASS l-V			CLASS l-VIII			CLASS l-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	42.42	42.80	42.61	57.93	61.78	59.79	65.08	68.53	66.70
2	Arunachal Pradesh	46.07	46.67	46.34	64.38	6246	63.52	71.40	73.02	7209
3	Assam	54.70	51.36	53.15	69.54	7241	70.81	75.07	74.57	74.84

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	Bihar	59.05	58.99	59.03	77.00	79.62	78.03	80.97	85.36	82.58
5	Chhattisgarh*									
6	Goa	-5.53	1.91	-1.90	6.15	12.91	9.43	3764	38.26	37 94
7	Gujarat	2742	24.17	26 02	45.09	49.48	46.94	62.38	63.96	63.05
8	Haryana	13.24	13.39	13.31	19.03	2392	21.26	19.37	34.85	26.54
9	Himachal Pradesh	15.87	18.15	16.98	13.29	15.32	14.28	31.85	33.03	.3242
10	Jammu & Kashmir	2620	2206	2439	38.96	32.48	36.36	59.06	5909	59.07
11	. Jharkhand*									
12	Karnataka	10.10	9.36	9 75	50,29	50.94	50 59	59.67	61.16	60 38
13	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0 00	-12.55	-6.40	-9.54	12.13	4.88	858
14	Madhya Pradesh	24.74	22 58	23.78	44.41	49.99	46.81	58 97	70.29	63.81
15	Maharashtra	12.40	13.81	13.07	30.71	36.01	33.25	50.22	54.11	52.06
16	Manipur	26.42	26.41	26.41	31.52	29 59	3061	51.55	4611	49.02
17	Meghalaya	53.92	5291	53.42	70.67	71.59	71,13	83.52	82.95	83.24
18	Mizoram	55.95	5523	55.61	65.18	63.08	64.19	72.08	67.18	69.74
19	Nagaland	31.43	34.27	32.81	46.76	4273	44 83	71.85	72.10	7197
20	Orissa	41.19	34.36	38.19	64 58	5751	6172	66.13	6259	64 72
21	Punjab	23.60	20 21	22 03	3513	3526	3519	42.57	44.42	43.45
22	Rajasthan	5929	55.83	57.94	64.64	73 87	68.50	7163	81.78	7547
23	Sikkim	56.93	50.69	53.85	76.63	69.62	73.29	81.80	79 71	80 82
24	Tamil Nadu	342	3.04	323	25.35	24.92	2515	60.81	56.45	5882
25	Tripura	45 07	44.50	44.80	62.64	6610	64.29	74.77	73.78	74 31
26	Uttar Pradesh	23.03	-1.91	1351	44 96	3948	42 84	4075	4942	44.10
'27	Uttaranchal*									
28	West Bengal	3412	32.73	33.46	62.72	64 92	63 77	76 37	84 44	80.24
29	A&N Islands	-1.10	0.47	-0.35	1867	19 07	18 86	5344	47.67	50 68
30	Chandigarh	-7.94	1.25	-362	-1.23	-291	-2 03	1457	9.27	1213
31	D&N Haveli	21 38	36.55	2840	35.81	56 61	45.24	70.97	7431	72 48
32	Daman & Diu	9.00	0 00	0.00	12.05	23 14	17.36	50.29	50 62	50 45
33	Delhi	15.71	28.73	22.03	26.43	29.02	27 71	44 12	48.56	46.30
34	Lakshadweep	000	1.09	3 03	-135	29.02	4.90	47.51	36.53	4224
35	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3 20-	6.11	-4 60	25.72	20 04	22 96
	INDIA	33.66	28.44	31.36	51.74	52.84	52 22	60.97	64 92	62.68

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state